

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 1, after the first paragraph beginning with "This application claims" (inserted by Preliminary Amendment), insert the following new subheading (centered):

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Page 2, amend the paragraph beginning on line 23 with "According to the" as follows:

According to the present invention, the foregoing and other objects are attained by a product, method and uses thereof as disclosed in the patent claims herein.

Page 2, before the paragraph beginning on line 25 with "In one embodiment" insert the following new subheading (centered):

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Page 2, amend the paragraph beginning on line 36 with "In still another" as follows:

In still another embodiment of the invention, there is provided use of a furan polymer impregnated wood ~~according to any of claims 1 to 7 or as manufactured according to any of claims 8 to 12.~~

Page 3, before the paragraph beginning on line 2 with "Two keys to" insert the following new subheading (centered):

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION